

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company
Docket Nos. D.T.E. 02-24 and D.T.E. 02-25
Responses to the Department's First Set of Information Requests

Request No. DTE 1-26:

Please provide in table format, separately for gas and electric operations, the amounts and annual percentage increases for the Company's total wage and salary expense for the period 1992 to the present. Indicate how much of the totals for each year were attributable to utility operations and maintenance and how much were attributable to non-utility operations and maintenance. Describe how these allocations were determined.

Response:

Year	Total FG&E Wage & Salary Expense	Percent Change	Total Non-Utility	Electric O&M	Gas O&M
1992	\$4,509,233	N/A	Not available	\$2,062,317	\$1,643,899
1993	\$4,498,489	-0.24%	Not available	\$1,634,235	\$1,318,710
1994	\$5,035,957	11.95%	Not available	\$1,718,082	\$1,432,758
1995	\$5,054,118	0.36%	Not available	\$1,643,383	\$1,432,663
1996	\$5,126,911	1.44%	Not available	\$1,589,174	\$1,426,033
1997	\$5,039,241	-1.71%	Not available	\$1,595,130	\$1,418,782
1998	\$4,532,503	-10.06%	\$148	\$1,318,408	\$1,180,353
1999	\$4,689,244	3.46%	\$941	\$1,171,826	\$1,418,670
2000	\$4,542,197	-3.14%	\$3,069	\$1,256,211	\$1,171,620
2001	\$4,777,441	5.18%	\$23,343	\$1,401,036	\$1,454,702

The Total Non-Utility amount is associated with FG&E's electric and gas water heater and conversion burner rental programs and includes both direct and allocated payroll amounts. The allocated amounts relate to the payroll portion of the 900 account numbers shown on Schedules MHC 7-14 (Electric) and MHC 7-17 (Gas). These schedules perform allocations of the total test year amounts of these accounts to the non-utility rental programs. The allocation methodology is described in the studies in Exhibits FGE-MHC-7 (Electric) and (Gas).

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